

Annex B – Proposed Hearing Panel Member Biographies

Brent Cowie Proposed Panel Member and Chair

Brent Cowie has 35 years' experience in environmental management and consultancy with key areas of focus being planning and science. He also brings experience in local government, having senior management experience in Councils.

His specialist areas include: acting as a hearing commissioner, chairing hearing committees and decision writing, preparation of resource consent applications and evidence for hearings. He has particular expertise in water resource management, investigation and reporting, and is an experienced project manager. Mr Cowie currently holds appointment from Horizons as a panel member for the consent hearing into the Levin Wastewater disposal (Levin POT), which is scheduled to be heard prior to Plan Change 2.

David McMahon Proposed Panel Member

David McMahon has 34 years' experience in resource planning, and is a Wellington based planning practitioner. He brings experience of having worked in central government, and in private sector consultancy work, and currently operates a Resource Management consultancy business representing clients in both the public and private sectors.

He has a wide range of commissioner experience, having been a sole Commissioner, and also been on Panels. His areas of expertise have included District and Regional Plans/changes, designations, and resource consents. He has also been a member of four Government-appointed Boards of Inquiry since 2010.

Elizabeth (Liz) Burge Proposed Panel Member

Elizabeth has 15 years' experience in resource management planning, including local industry resource management roles. She has broad experience in the planning and implementation phases of resource management and development planning, and currently works for a resource management consultancy that also does surveying and land development.

She is an experienced hearing commissioner, having recently been included on the Panel for Greater Wellington Regional Council, and brings specialist skills in terms of planning and lwi engagement.